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MEMORANDUM FOR THE UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

SUBJECT : DIA Briefing on Information Obtained from Photography
of Ground Force/Line of Communication Targets

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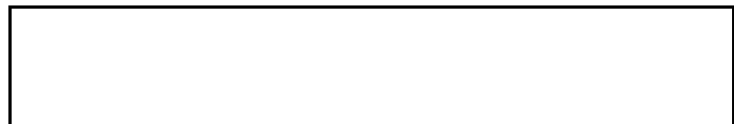
b. USIB-M-425, 10 March 1966, Item 2

Circulated herewith is a summary prepared by the DIA Production
Center of its briefing on the subject as presented to the United States
Intelligence Board (USIB) at the meeting on 10 March 1966 (reference b.)



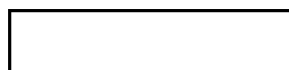
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Summary of DIA Production Center Briefing Given at USIB

10 March 1966

The briefing was designed to familiarize members of USIB with the extent of exploitation of photography for intelligence on Soviet order of battle, Soviet logistics, and Chinese order of battle.

The briefing on Soviet order of battle emphasized that satellite photography has become a prime source to fill the gaps caused by the decrease in collateral and SIGINT intelligence collection. It was also pointed out how satellite photography is helping to answer the more sophisticated intelligence questions now being asked, such as evaluation of the combat readiness status of Soviet divisions.

The Board was briefed on the joint DIA/CIA/NPIC photographic read-out project which has just been completed and which has produced detailed reports on all ground force associated garrisons and training areas. Following this was a detailed illustrated discussion of the nature and extent of training, organization and equipment intelligence gleaned from photography.

With regard to Soviet logistics, a summary of the initial results of the ground force logistics project was presented including photographic examples of depots found in the Far East Military District, a map showing consolidated plotting of order of battle and logistical installations and an estimate of the amount of ammunition and POL held in district depots that would be expended by a type Front in thirty days of sustained combat. An examination of the contribution that each source of intelligence made to the logistics project was also presented. The results of the project were set forth in terms of installations held at the start of project and highlighted the qualitative changes brought about by greater depth of research and analysis particularly from the standpoint of photographic interpretation and identification.

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A summary of the use made of high resolution photography of China in determining the Chinese Communist Ground Forces Order of Battle was presented. This included examples of how photography has assisted in isolating the integral units of divisions. The results of a study done with overhead photography to determine the nature and extent of Chinese involvement in North Vietnam were presented including comparative results of increased military transport activity that has taken place between February and November 1965 along the three major road routes from Southwestern China into North Vietnam. It was emphasized that such a study of the routes from Southeast China into North Vietnam was not possible, because of the overall lack of high resolution photographic coverage of that area during 1965.

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